PRESIDENT: That does not seem to me to be a matter of public concern. I am afraid I cannot allow the question.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnathur*): With regard to answer to part (*c*) may I know whether the Director of Public Instruction consulted the President of the public meeting during the enquiry?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Should I answer the question Sir?

PRESIDENT: You need not.

Committee on Educational Reforms.

59. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Secretary to Government said in answer to an interpellation in the Council that the Government would decide the question of appointing an education committee before the close of the last school year (1926-1927);

(*b*) whether they have changed their opinion on the question and, if so, on what grounds;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the question of educational reforms has been recently engaging the serious attention of the authorities in most provinces of India; and

(*d*) whether they will make a definite statement about their present intentions on the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The statement made was that the Government hoped to come to a decision about the appointment of a committee or other agency to examine the system of education before the close of the last academic year.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The member's attention is invited to the pronouncement made by the Dewan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th August 1927 when the Education demand was discussed.

Educational Reform.

60. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what stage they have reached in carrying out the promise made by them in the last Council to consider the question of educational reform in the State through a committee or other agency?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Location of Courts at Pujappura.

61. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to take or have taken any step towards locating the High Court or any other civil court at Pujappura; and

(*b*) if there is any such idea, will they be pleased to afford an opportunity to this Council to express its views on the question?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The High Court have recommended that a combined court house may be constructed to accommodate all the civil courts in Trivandrum, including the High Court, and have suggested the location of the court building at Pujappura. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) If the High Court's recommendation is accepted, the Council will have an opportunity to discuss the matter when it is asked to vote funds for the construction of the building.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Does the recommendation of the High Court proceed upon any conceived advantages to be derived by locating all the civil courts in one centre?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. They say that there is not sufficient accommodation at present in the High Court buildings for the High Court themselves and they also mention, if I remember right, that the location of the courts in different parts of the town is inconvenient to the litigant public and to the vakils.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If that is a good principle to act upon will the Government ascertain from the High Court whether it is not equally advantageous to have the courts in other centres of the State also brought together in one and the same site?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is quite different. It is the litigant public who come to Trivandrum and the vakils who are practising in Trivandrum that are inconvenienced by this.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In regard to other vakils in other centres, would the Government ascertain from the High Court whether it is not advantageous to have the civil courts situated in one and the same centre?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think there is a proposal to that effect.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has the Government consulted the High Court to have all the courts located in one and the same centre?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have not.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): It is therefore that I ask whether the Government will ascertain from the High Court whether it is not possible to have all the civil courts in other parts of the State brought together in one and the same centre.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is better that we leave it to the High Court to take the initiative. If the High Court find that there is serious inconvenience they will move in the matter.

MR. P K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If it is inconvenient to the litigant public and the vakils in Trivandrum to have all the civil courts in different centres, would not the same principle apply to all the other civil courts in the State?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the High Court know that the location of those courts is causing serious inconvenience, they are likely to make a recommendation in the matter.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government ascertain whether the High Court have considered that aspect of the question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no objection to ascertain that.

Establishment of the First Class Magistrate's Court at Nagercoil.

62. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the assurance appearing at page 48 of the proceedings of the 22nd session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state the further action taken by them in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Proceedings R. Dis. No. 3623/26/Judicial, dated the 17th November 1926, published at page 208 of Part I of the Government Gazette dated 21st December 1926.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. The answer refers me to certain proceedings which are not placed before me. I do not know how to refer to it now and ask supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: All information published in the *Gazette* is public property.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): It is not before me now nor is it in the Library. This answer was placed before me only some twenty minutes back.

PRESIDENT: That is a matter for you. You are seeking information and Government have referred you to the source of it which is public property.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Yes Sir, but I submit I cannot carry all the *Gazettes* with me when I come to the Council.

PRESIDENT: If your object is serious to obtain information, the source of obtaining it has been pointed out to you. You can at your leisure and convenience acquaint yourself with the information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I am only submitting that I am unable to put supplementary questions on account of this answer.

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